

Politics Progression Model

**Year
12**

Term 1

SMR: Government of the UK – **Constitution, Parliament, PM/Cabinet, Judiciary and Devolution.**
Skills of **explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information** and **analysis of political information.**

RJ: Political Ideas – Liberalism and Conservatism
Skills of **explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information** and **analysis of political information.**

Justification: Paper 1 is Government and Politics of the UK and the topics are covered in such an order as to give foundation knowledge on the system which is then built upon through the year. This also allows skills to be developed in the different questions types.

Political Ideas is also started by the second teacher to give students the opportunity to study the ideas behind politics and build up the skills required in Paper 3.

Term 2

SMR: Politics of the UK – **Democracy and electoral processes, electoral processes, political parties, pressure groups and the European Union.**
Skills of **explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information** and **analysis of political information.**

RJ: Political Ideas – Conservatism and Socialism
Skills of **explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information** and **analysis of political information.**

Justification: Paper 1 is Government and Politics of the UK and the topics are covered in such an order as to give foundation knowledge on the system which is then built upon through the year. This also allows skills to be developed in the different questions types.

Political Ideas is taught by the second teacher to give students the opportunity to study the ideas behind politics and build up the skills required in Paper 3.

Term 3

SMR: Politics of the UK – **Pressure groups and the European Union.**
Skills of **explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information** and **analysis of political information.**

RJ: Political Ideas – Feminism.
Skills of **explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information** and **analysis of political information.**

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Opportunities for cultural capital: Opportunities for cultural capital: All topics give an idea of the impact of politics on day-to-day lives. Visits from President of Tribunals, Deputy District Judge and MP. Contextual understanding to modern culture such as film, “The Darkest Hour.”
Encouragement to take part in local democracy through political parties and national democracy through e-petitions.

Reading: Regular opportunities for reading are provided during lessons through extracts, articles from the BBC, The Guardian, The Times and The Independent and articles from The A Level Politics Review.

Key Stage 5 and Beyond/Careers: Students have the opportunity to learn about the political sphere and opportunities for work within it. Students taking Politics A Level will also study these topics at university in their Politics degree. The skills developed across the A Level can be used by all students across a wide variety of careers in the future.

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Year 13	<p>Term 1</p> <p>The constitutional framework of the US government, the legislative branch of government: Congress, the judicial branch of government, civil rights.</p> <p>Comparison of the constitutional arrangements of the UK and US, the judiciaries of the UK and US, the pressure groups of the UK and US and civil rights of the UK and US.</p> <p>Skills of explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information and analysis of political information.</p> <p>Justification: This is Paper 2 and the studies of the USA. Comparisons made between the UK and the USA to prepare for synoptic questions. The skills are built upon from Year 12 in the same question types until Term 2 when the synoptic element of the course comparing with the UK is covered.</p>	<p>Term 2</p> <p>The electoral process and direct democracy, the executive branch of government: President, political parties, pressure groups.</p> <p>Comparison of the constitutional arrangements between the UK and US, the executives of the UK and US, electoral and party systems of the UK and US, pressure groups of the UK and US.</p> <p>Skills of explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information and analysis of political information.</p> <p>Justification: In paper 2, the synoptic questions will now be covered comparing the government and politics of the UK and the USA in those answers. These can only be completed when all the comparisons between the two systems have been covered.</p>	<p>Term 3</p> <p>Skills of explanation, analysis and evaluation, comprehension of political information and analysis of political information.</p> <p>Justification: Time allowed to revise for the exams alongside some flexibility, to complete the final part of the final topic, if required.</p>
	<p>Opportunities for cultural capital: All topics give an idea of the impact of politics on day-to-day lives. Visits from President of Tribunals, Deputy District Judge and MP. Voting opportunities once students turn 18. Contextual understanding to modern culture such as film, "The Darkest Hour." Encouragement to take part in local democracy through political parties and national democracy through e-petitions.⁷</p> <p>Reading: Regular opportunities for reading are provided during lessons through extracts, articles from the BBC, The Guardian, The Times and The Independent and articles from The A Level Politics Review.</p> <p>Key Stage 5 and Beyond/Careers: Students have the opportunity to learn about the political sphere and opportunities for work within it. Students taking Politics A Level will also study these topics at university in their Politics degree. The skills developed across the A Level can be used by all students across a wide variety of careers in the future.</p>		